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LOK SABHA

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ELECTRIFICATION AND DOUBLING OF LUCKNOW-HOWRAH RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of doubling and electrification of Lucknow-Howrah rail line;

(b) whether the said work is running as per the schedule;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for speedy completion of said project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

(a): Double line between Lucknow to Utratia and Zafrabad to Howrah already exists.The patch doubling work has been taken up between Utratia-Zafrabad section. At present, the work is in progress at various stages between Utratia-Chandrauli; Bandhua Kalan-Sultanpur and Sri Krishna Nagar-Zafrabad sections.

Regarding electrification, rail line from Howrah to Mughalsarai is already electrified.Electrification work of Mughalsarai-Zafrabad section was included in the Rail Budget of 1999-2000 as Phase-I of Mughalsarai-Lucknow project, subject to procedural clearances. The proposal is yet to be cleared.

(b) to (e) : The work of douboling is progressing as per availability of resources. It is proposed to take up part work on Utratia-Chandrauli and Sultanpur-Bandhua Kalan sections under Build Own Transfer (BOT).